

## Wireless Infrastructure Association NAW Proclamation

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 85th Anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act; and

WHEREAS, the Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain an inclusive, diverse and highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of broadband deployment today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, WIA is the National Sponsor of the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP), the leading apprenticeship program expanding Registered Apprenticeships in the telecommunications industry; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs enable employers to develop and train their future workforce while offering career seekers pathways to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers; and

WHEREAS, WIA recognizes the role of Registered Apprenticeship in expanding opportunities in the broadband workforce that are inclusive of individuals who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality, and is working toward that end through TIRAP; and

WHEREAS, WIA recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship, a proven and industry-driven training model, can train our broadband workforce and build a pipeline into good, quality jobs in order to address our nation's pressing need for a workforce capable of deploying and maintaining broadband to close the digital divide and connect all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Wireless Infrastructure Association calls upon our membership, the wireless ecosystem, and the entire broadband industry to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote industry awareness and expansion during the eighth anniversary of:

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK  
November 14, 2022, through November 20, 2022

IN SUPPORT,



Patrick Halley, President & Chief Executive Officer  
The Wireless Infrastructure Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Halley", is written in a cursive style below the printed name.